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At the beginning of the week prices were mixed, higher on all sizes in Chicago. Elsewhere prices were higher on larger sizes and unchanged on mediums except New York which was unchanged on all sizes. As the week progressed, prices in New York advanced on the heavier weights and unchanged on mediums. In all other locations, prices were higher. The market tone was fully steady to firm on the larger sizes and steady on mediums. Retail demand was moderate to very good. Supplies were adequate to tight for present needs. Nest run breaking stock prices were higher. Demand was rated as mostly good and continued aggressive as buyers attempt to secure breaking stock for the next few weeks with very limited success. Breaking schedules were mixed. Floor stocks were tight to short. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Liquid trade sentiment was reported as firm. Demand for light type fowl was light to moderate for the fully adequate to usually ample offerings.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were up 1 cent for large and medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to very good, usually good to very good. Loose egg movement was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were well balanced to tight with the larger sizes the least available. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Demand was mostly good as buyers attmpt to secure product for the next few weeks with very limited success. Breaking scheudules were mixed. Floor stocks were tight to short. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	68-77	70-74
LARGE	67-75	68-73
MEDIUM	50-58	53-55

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,

Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however the larger sizes were trending slightly higher. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand into all outlets was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to close for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to usually adequate for the moderate to at times good demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for processing requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73-86	76-79
LARGE	68-83	75-77
MEDIUM	51-66	56-58

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ,

Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL FOR W/E 25-Jul-03 AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	76.50	73.00	57.00
SOUTHEAST	73.50	71.50	56.00
MIDWEST	70.00	68.50	54.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	75.50	71.50	56.00
COMBINED REGIONAL	73.94	71.13	55.75
COMPUTED FROM SIMPL	LE WEEKLY A	VERAGES V	VEIGHTED BY
REGIONAL AREA POPULA	ATIONS		

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM JUL 28, 2003 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/2/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

	(00)	DOZLI	No.		o So	50)	5-Area
	Nor	theast	Cent	Cen	t Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.0	21.0	6.4	9.5	10.4	58.3
	Change	0.3	1.0	0.7	-0.2	0.1	3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.4	45.2	15.9	14.8	33.5	135.8
	Change	2.1	-3.4	2.0	-1.5	2.4	1%
Large	Curr Wk	50.2	86.1	67.7	66.9	103.7	374.6
- a.ge	Change	10.4	-6.1	7.5	-0.6	5.7	5%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.2	31.5	19.2	22.5	34.0	123.4
modium	Change	-3.2	-4.6	2.3	-2.0	-2.7	-8%
Small	Curr Wk	3.8	6.0	4.9	7.4	7.7	29.8
Oman	Change	0.0	-1.4	0.7		1.3	-15%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.5	21.6	8.2	9.4	6.4	51.1
	Change	-0.2	-4.9	-1.6	-3.7	0.0	-17%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	22.1	41.5	18.1	19.5	34.7	135.9
J	Change	8.4	0.4	0.6	-6.2	4.8	6%
Total	Curr Wk	135.2	252.9	140.4	150.0	230.4	908.9
Percent	Change	15%		10%		5%	0%
TOTAL	J	N	umber (of	Percent	Nur	nber of
			Case	s	Change	Coop	erators
Shell Egg			908.	.9	0%		172
Shell Egg	Breaking	Stock 2	2/ 243.	9	-10%		35
Total Shel	l Egg		1152.	.8	-2%		207

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM. CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN 07-29-03 07-22-03 07-30-02 Large 50-54 48-52 40-43 Medium 33-35 33-35 16-20

Processed Eggs: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection

WEEK ENDING 26-JUL-03

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)			(E)	(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)				
	CAS	es liqu	ID LIQUI	LIQUID	DRIED	INED		
	BROK	EN WHO	LE WHITI	E YOLK				
CW	1,231,6	41 29,20	07 11,292	2 6,274	2,451	4,341		
PW	1,227,7	65 29,0	53 11,792	2 5,956	2,847	4,190		
LY	1,244,8	29 29,7	56 10,733	5,786	2,818	4,334		
% CHG	PW	0	1 -4	1 5	-14	4		
% CHG	S LY	-1	-2	5 8	-13	0		
2003	34,253,5	78 832,7	14 313,78	5 172,096	70,267	124,448		
2002	35,655,3	99 826,83	35 349,586	188,004	85,975	127,044		
% CHG	YTD	-4	1 -10) -8	-18	-2		

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.50	41.53	40.66
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	37.98	38.12	37.17

BROILER HATCHERY

	Broiler Eg	d States	in 19 Sele	icks Placed cted States
STATE	Jul 19	Jul 26	Jul 19	Jul 26
		Thousa	and	
AL	29,254	28,850	21,614	21,796
AR	*31,196	31,054	24,630	24,078
DE	*3,902	3,903	*5,503	5,346
FL	1,354	1,328	*1,601	1,894
GA	32,720	32,632	*25,196	25,676
KY	6,703	6,770	*5,122	5,232
LA	3,953	3,832	3,639	3,708
MD	9,469	9,467	*5,169	5,541
MS	19,377	18,726	16,121	15,904
NC	17,341	17,599	13,487	14,060
OK	6,457	6,445	3,952	4,926
PA	*4,013	3,824	*2,600	2,676
SC	4,586	4,528	4,355	4,014
TX	14,740	14,712	11,537	12,271
VA	6,384	6,471	5,298	5,374
CA, LA, MO, TN, & W	V *16,377	16,380	*15,198	15,036
19 State Total	*207,826	206,521	*165,022	167,532
Previous Year Total	209,219	207,984	166,514	167,733
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	99	100

^{*} Revised

Broiler/Fryer: Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for the marketing during the week ending 6-Sep-03 is estimated at 153.1 million head. This compares to 154.0 million head the previous week and to 157.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 141.7 million head and the composite weighted average 56.19 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/24/03-07/30/03

CURRENT LI	DS 105.7	75 FU	TURE LI	OS 66.2	5 TO	TAL LDS	172.00
SE	1	NE	M	W			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	54.00	58.25	55.50	56.33	58.50	57.67	18.00
GNR W 2		57.00	_	_			3.00
GNR W 3	_	_	_	_	47.00	48.88	2.00
GL W J	_	81.00	75.00	76.50	73.60		4.25
GL W XL	_	68.65	67.11	67.80	67.88	_	63.75
GL W LG	_	68.77	63.70	64.77	66.71		38.00
GL W MD	_	50.60	44.40	46.38	43.80	46.50	19.75
GL W SM	31.08	33.17	31.00	33.00	32.00	34.50	7.00
NRBS - 48	_	_	49.00	50.40	58.25	56.33	20.25
NRBS - 39	_	_	42.00	43.00	_	43.50	5.25
NRBS - 36	_	_	_	_	36.50	37.00	1.50

SHELL EGGS: Weekly Movement of Eggs into Retail Channels Week ending 26-Jul-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING	i CW	PW	PCT	CHG
CENTERS	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	PW	LY
ATLANTA	21.3	21.9	-3	19
BOSTON	3.6	3.5	3	-5
CHICAGO	83.3	88.1	-5	98
DETROIT	26.2	26.6	-2	7
KANSAS CITY	4.2	3.4	24	-2
LOS ANGELES	85.6	89.6	-4	3
NEW ORLEANS	16.5	11.6	42	40
NEW YORK	28.2	28.3	0	-14
ST. LOUIS	17.1	15.4	11	1

21.5

307.5

300.5

22.2

310.6

-3

-4

SAN FRANCISCO

4 WK MVG AVG

TOTAL

MISC. POULTRY: LI	ISC. POULTRY: LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED				
	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREE	DERS	
		THOU	SANDS		
HEAD	2,034	2,758	62	10	4,864
AVG WT	15.50	35.67	24.89	31.91	27.08
LAST WEEK	2,010	2,723	71	27	4,831
SAME WK YR AGO	1,928	3,182	53	3	5,166
AVG WT	16.02	35.16	23.79	30.85	27.90
TO-DATE/2003	54,944	81,164	1,822	440	138,370
TO-DATE/2002	54,417	80,590	1,417	235	136,659

TURKEY: Weekly Turkeys Slaughtered in Federally Inspected Plants Week ending 26-Jul-2003

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

,	YOUNG TUP	, ,		OLD	,	TURKEYS
			_		IOIAL	
THO	USAND PO	I CH		BANDED		AVG
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAN	ND HEAD-	LIVE WT
N EAST	873	1	21.05	(A)	875	21.05
SATL	776	4	30.05	(A)	778	30.05
N CENT	2,209	1	30.89	(A)	2,211	30.89
S CENT	458	-3	20.61	(A)	460	20.61
WEST	538	2	22.41	(A)	540	22.41
U.S. TOTAL	4,854(B)) 1	27.08	10	4,864	27.08
TO-DATE						
2003	137,930(B))		440	138,370	
TO-DATE						
2002	136,424(B))		235	136,659	

- (A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
- (B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week
- 62,000 for the year 1,822,000; last year to date 1,417,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 26-Jul-2003									
(PRELIMINARY)	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL					
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	DUCKS				
		THC	USANDS	3					
HEAD	157,247	1,105	1,459	2,564	383				
AVG WT	5.11	3.45	7.80	5.93	6.45				
LAST WEEK	157,206	1,141	1,642	2,783	405				
SAME WK YR AC	O 161,236	1,829	1,536	3,365	413				
AVG WT	5.07	3.82	8.17	5.81	6.64				
TO-DATE/2003	4,567,114	47,286	41,107	88,393	12,376				
TO-DATE/2002	4,636,785	53,128	40,500	93,628	12,937				

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.2 million head or 3.4 million head less than or 98% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

((1)ESTIMATED

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 02-Aug-03 Previous Week Current Week 08/02/03(1) 07/26/03 **CLASS** -THOUSAND HEAD **BRO-FRY** 164,984(2) 161,842 LT HENS 1,232 1,217 **HVY HENS** 1.551 1.548 TOTAL 167,767 164.607

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 02-Aug-03 is 162.7 million head compared to 159.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.3 million head or 2.6 million more than estimated available. For week of 09-Aug-03 the estimated available is 162.3 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

ESTIMATED FRIERS AVAILABLE FOR WARRETING.					
		MILLION HEAD	MILLION H	HEAD	
WEEK ENDING		SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABL	E PCT	AVG WT
JUNE	21	161.7	161.0	100%	5.12
	28	167.3	160.4	104%	5.37
JULY	5	145.3	160.9	90%	5.24
	12	161.8	160.4	101%	5.23
	19	159.1	160.8	99%	5.14
	26	159.2	162.6	98%	5.11
YEAR TO DA	ATE	4622.7	4688.2	99%	
AUGUST	2		162.7		
	9		162.3		

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 07/28/03-08/01/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	53.00-56.00	55.95	39	58.60	75	
Los Angel	es 73.00	70.93	60	66.02	181	
New York	58.00-61.00	59.13	23	60.87	56	

COMPOSITE WID AVG PRICES FOR RIC BROILER/FRYERS						
	Change from					
28-Jul-03	21-Jul-03	21-Jul-03	29-Jul-02			
62.34	-0.23	62.57	55.74			
NUMBER OF LOADS 631						
MONTHLY COM	POSITE WTD AVG F	PRICE FOR RTC	BROILER/FRYERS			
MONTH	WTDAVG	LOADS				
JULY	62.80	2865.40				

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD	LBS
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	1		AVG	(000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	56-59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-57	57	57.00	40
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-60	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	55-58	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	55-56	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	57-58	-	-	-
1/May include product of	arad at tam	naraturaa ir	a ranga of	:

- 1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degress F.
- 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.
- 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.
- 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting.
- 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS) SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

		FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM	07/28/03	3,305	217,580	58,524
AM	07/01/03	3,240	206,919	57,844
CHG		65	10,661	680
PCT (CHG	2%	5%	1%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 28-Jul-03 WTD. **RANGE MAJORITY** AVG Southeast (1) 6.-8.75 CENTS/LB. 8-8.5 8.22 **TFEWR** Southeast (2) South Central(1) 6.25-9.75 CENTS/LB. 8-8.75 8.34 (1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

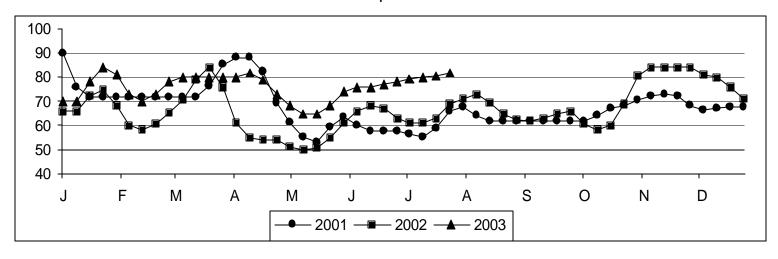
LIGHT TYPE 25-Jul-03 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

	RANGE	MAJORITY
<u>Eastern</u>		
Removal Cost	0-12	9-11
So. Central		
Removal Cost	Too Fe	w To Report
No. Central		
Removal Cost	0-12	10-11

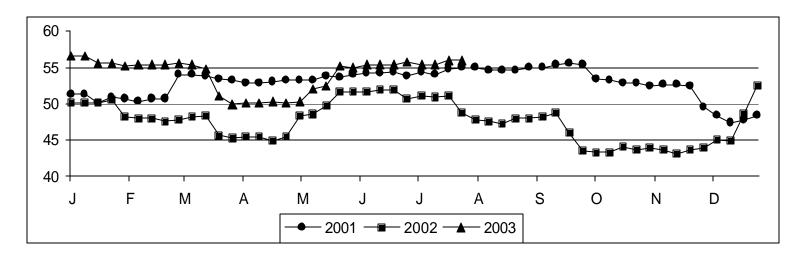
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 26-Jul-03 (RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

·	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FRO	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	207.8	-2	-8
E.N. CENTRAL	564.3	4	5
W.N. CENTRAL	291.3	2	9
S. ATLANTIC	181.6	4	14
S. CENTRAL	95.4	-8	19
WEST	194.1	1	5
TOTAL	1534.5	1	5
MATCHED PLAN	TS REPORTING	86	86

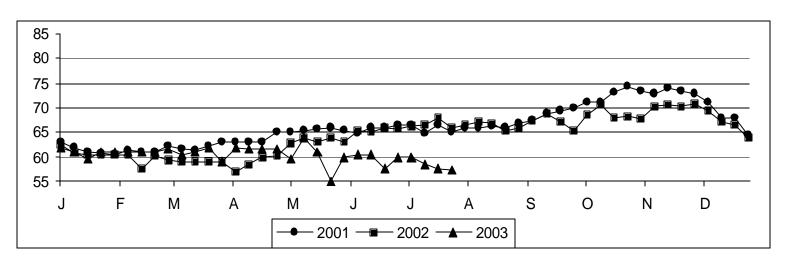
New York Large Weekly Average Price Cents per Dozen



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices
Cents per Pound



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys Cents per Pound



Note: Some Weeks' Averge Prices are Based on Offers Only

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